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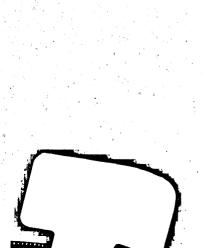
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STATUTES

OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS

ORDER OF ST. PATRICK.

WARRANT for creating a Society or Brotherhood, to be called KNIGHTS of the most Illustrious Order of St. PATRICK.

GEORGE R.

RIGHT trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, we greet you well. Whereas it hath been the custom of wise and beneficent Princes in all ages to distinguish the virtue and loyalty of their subjects by marks of honor, to be a testimony of their dignity and of their excellency in all qualifications which render them worthy of the favor of their Sovereign, and the respect of their fellow subjects; that so their eminent merits may stand acknowledged to the world, and create a virtuous emulation in others to deserve such honorable distinction. And whereas our loving subjects

jects of our kingdom of Ireland have approved themselves steadily attached to our Royal Person and Government, and affectionately disposed to maintain and promote the welfare and prosperity of the whole empire; and we being willing to confer upon our subjects of our said kingdom a testimony of our sincere love and affectionate regard, by creating an Order of Knighthood in our faid kingdom with conftitutions, ordinances, customs, and ceremonies, fimilar to those observed in the most dignified institutions of the same nature; and, whereas you have humbly represented unto us, that fuch a testimony of our Royal Favor will be highly acceptable to our people of our faid kingdom of Ireland; it is our royal will and pleasure, and we do hereby authorize and require you, upon receipt hereof, forthwith to cause letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of our faid kingdom of Ireland, for creating a Society or Brotherhood, to be called Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, to confift of the Sove.

Sovereign and fifteen Knights Companions, and for constituting and appointing our dearly-beloved fourth Son Prince Edward; our right trufty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor, William Robert, Duke of Leinster; our right trufty and right well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Earl of Clanricarde; our right trufty and right well-beloved Coufin, Randal William, Earl of Antrim; our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Thomas, Earl of Westmeath; our right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Murrough, Earl . of Inchiquin; our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Charles, Earl of Drogheda; our right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, George de la Poer, Earl of Tyrone; our right trufty well-beloved Cousin and right Councillor, Richard, Earl of Shannon; our right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, James, Earl of Clanbraffil; our right trufty and right well.

well-beloved Cousin, Richard, Earl of Mornington; our right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, James, Earl of Courtown; our right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin, James, Earl of Charlemont; our right trufty, and right well-beloved Cousin, Thomas, Earl of Bective; and our right trufty and right well-beloved. Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Earl of Ely, to be Knights Companions of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, of which Order we ourselves, our heirs. and fucceffors, shall perpetually be Sovereigns, and of which our Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, or our Lord Deputy, or Deputies of our faid Kingdom, or our Lords Justices or other Chief Governor or Governors of our faid kingdom for the time being shall officiate as Grand Masters. And it is our further will and pleafure, that the faid Society or Brother. hood of the Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, shall have a Common Seal, and shall have a Chancellor.

cellor, Register, Secretary, Genealogist, Usher, King of Arms, Heralds, Pursuiyants, and fuch other Officers as we from time to time shall think sit to appoint, under our fign manual, and that they shall observe all such constitutions, ordinances, customs and ceremonies, as shall be enjoined them under our fign manual. And it is further our will and pleafure, that the faid Knights being Commoners, shall have rank and precedency in all places immediately after Barons' eldest fons, and that the wives of the faid Knights Companions shall, in like manner, have rank and precedency immediately after the wives of Barons' eldest fons, and before all other inferior ranks. And it is our further will and pleasure. that upon any vacancy happening in the faid Society or Brotherhood by death or refignation of any of the Knights, a fuccessor shall be elected by the other Knights in manner as shall be directed by the constitutions and ordinances to be established under our sign manual as before mentioned. And in the faid letters

letters patent you are to cause to be inferted all such clauses as shall be necessary to make the same most sull, valid and effectual. And for so doing this shall be as well unto you, as unto all other our officers and ministers concerned herein, a sufficient warrant. And so we bid you heartily sarewell.

Given at our Court of St. James's, the fifth day of February, 1783, in the 23d year of our reign.

> By his Majesty's Command, THOMAS TOWNSHEND.

Entered at the Signet Office, this 8th day of Feb. 1783. CHARLES BRIETZCKE, Dep.

To our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, George, Earl Temple, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our kingdom of Ireland, or to our Lieutenant Deputy, Justices, or other Chief Governor or Governors of our said kingdom for the time being.

GEORGE

GEORGE R. .

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas we have thought fit for the dignity and honor of our realm of Ireland to ordain, establish, create, and found a company of fixteen noble and worthy Knights for to be of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; and. whereas for the honorable continuance, augmentation, and maintenance of the same, it is fitting that statutes and ordinances should be observed and kept by the Common Brethren, Knights, and Companions of the faid Most Illustrious Order: Know ye therefore, that we the most High, most Excellent, and most Puisant Prince George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and Sovereign of the Moth Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, for the

the right fingular love and entire affection which we bear to the faid Most Illustrious Order, and for the honorable continuance and increasing of the same, do make, ordain, constitute and declare the statutes and ordinances which shall be from henceforth observed, kept and ensued by the Sovereign and the Knights Companions of the said Most Illustrious Order in manner and form following:

FIRST, It is ordained and accorded, that the King, his Heirs, and Succeffors, shall be for evermore Sovereigns of the said most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, to the which Sovereign, and to his Heirs and Successors, shall appertain the declaration, solution, determination, interpretation, reformation, and disposition of all causes concerning and touching any thing of obscurity or doubt contained in the statutes of the said Most Illustrious Order.

SECONDLY, That whenever the faid Sovereign cannot by reason of his absence without the said realm of !reland, hold

hold the chapters, or do, or perform fuch things as by the statutes shall appertain to him to do, touching the faid Most Illustrious Order, his Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of this his realm, or his Lord Deputy, or Lords Justices for the time being shall be, and are hereby declared Grand Mafters of the faid Most Illustrious Orders and shall do all things and enjoy all privileges, rights and prerogatives, and do all manner of things touching the faid Most Illustrious Order, in as ample a manner as we ourfelves could have done as Sovereign of the faid Most Illustrious Order, if we ourselves had been present within the faid realm.

THIRDLY, It is ordained that none shall be elected or chosen to be Fellow or Companion of the said Most Illustrious Order, except he be a Gentleman of Blood, and that he be a Knight, and without reproach; and as touching the declaration of a Gentleman of Blood, it is declared that he shall be descended of three descents of Noblesse; that is

to fay, of name and of arms, both of his father's fide and of his mother's fide, a certificate of which, figned by our principal King at Arms within our faid realm of Ireland, shall be delivered by each Knight immediately after his election, and before his investiture, and shall be deposited with our genealogist or register of our faid Most Illustrious Order.

FOURTHLY, That the Sovereign shall, whenever it seemeth meet unto him, by fummons under the Seal of the Order. direct a chapter to be holden at such place within this realm of Ireland as he shall appoint, and that all the Knights of the faid Order shall then and there be present in the full habits of the said Most Illustrious Order, which they shall always wear in chapters except by difpensation from the Sovereign; and if they come not at the time assigned without having a just and reasonable excuse which may be acceptable to the faid. Sovereign, or without being otherwise pardoned by the faid Sovereign for his absence by special letters of excuse, by which

which letters their names and causes shall be written, he shall be reprimanded at the next chapter for the first offence, and for the second offence he shall lose the rank which he hath in the said Order, and be placed below all the other Knights and Companions of the said Order; and for the third offence he shall be punished in such manner as to the said chapter shall seem meet.

FIFTHLY, It is ordained, that all and every Knight of the faid Company shall wear on the great and solemn feasts to be appointed by the Sovereign, the Collar of the faid Order, and at all other times shall wear the Badge of the said Order. pendant from a sky-blue ribband over the right shoulder, and as foon as they shall be installed shall wear the device of the Order on the left fide of their outer garment, in such manner as shall be directed by the Sovereign. And if any Knight of the Company be found to appear without the faid collar, badge and device, at such time as by these statutes he is directed to wear the same, that he

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pay immediately after the challenge shallbe made to him by any of the fix officers of the Order, the sum of twenty shillings; and if he do enter the chapter without the said collar, badge and device, and without the said habits, except when they be dispensed with by the Sovereign, he shall forfeit the sum of sive pounds to whomsoever of the said officers shall challenge him.

SIXTHLY, It is ordained that the Knights of the faid Most Illustrious Order, always and as often as they shall wear their Mantles, shall go before the Sovereign, every of them with his Fellow that is fore-against him, ordinarily as they be set in their stalls; and the Officers of the said Order shall immediately precede the Sovereign; and the said Knights shall sit at the table according to their stalls, except children or brethren of Kings and Princes strangers, they which shall keep their places after their estates.

Seventhly, It is ordained that all strangers that shall be elected Fellows of the

the faid Order, shall be certified by letters of the Sovereign of their election, the which letters certification with the Statutes of the faid Order, under the common Seal, shall be sent unto them at the cost of the said Sovereign, in all diligence, and at the farthest they shall be certified of this in four months after the faid election, to the end the faid elect may advise them by the Statutes if they will receive the faid Order or no. But if the faid Sovereign have great and high lets and business, that then he may defer the certification of the faid election at his good pleasure unto the time of opportunity and conveniency. After the certification shall have been delivered, and that the Sovereign shall be certified that the faid elect will receive the faid Order, then the Sovereign shall fend unto the said elect by his Ambaffador his whole habit with the ribband and collar; and that all fuch strangers of what estate, dignity, or condition that they be of, shall fend within seven months after the reception of the faid ribband, collar, and habit; and.

and that he have certified the Sovereign to have received those things by a fufficient Deputy after the estate of his Lord and Master, so that he be a Knight without reproach to be stalled in his place. the which shall bring with him a mantle of sky-blue fattin of the order of that which he shall fend him, and also his banner, fword, helmet and creft, for to be and abide in the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick in Dublin during his life, and that the mantle in the time that the faid Deputy shall be stalled by the faid Sovereign or his Deputy shall be put upon his right arm, for to hold the faid mantle upon his arm, and shall be accompanied and led by two of the Knights of the faid Order from the door of the Chapter unto the stall, and there being shall make his oath, and shall be stalled for and in the name of his faid Lord and Master. And the mantle abovesaid, the faid Deputy shall bear it upon his right arm during Divine Service, being fet in the state of his Lord and Master, without bearing of it any time after, and to have

have no manner of voice in the Chapter. or to come in it in the absence of him that hath fent him; and if he fend not his Deputy within feven months abovefaid, without having a reasonable excuse which shall be acceptable to the Sovereign or his Deputy, the election shall be void of him, except that the faid Knight be prevented by great affairs, then he may fend his excuse to the said Sovereign or to his Deputy within a month after; and after, as his excuse is, the Sovereign or his Deputy will allow or accept it, that then the faid Sovereign may give unto him four months more of respite: and if he come not, or fend not his Deputy before the time of the four months be finished, that then in this case the election shall be wholly void from him from that time.

EIGHTLY, It is ordained that if any of the faid Company die, the Sovereign or his Deputy, after that they shall have certification of his death, shall be bound for to send and give notice by their letters to all the Fellows of the said Most

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Illustrious Order, being within Ireland, for to come and be with the faid Sovereign or his Deputy in which place foever it be, where it shall please him to affign conveniently, within fix weeks after the certification of the death of the faid Knight, the which also affembled, or at the least fix, with the Sovereign or his Deputy abovefaid, every of them that there shall be present and come to the election shall name nine of the worthiest and fufficient Knights without reproach that he shall know, subjects of the said Sovereign, or others fo to be, that they hold no contrary party, or be against him, that is, to wit, Three Dukes, Marquisses, Earls of greater estate; three Barons, or Bannerets; and three Batchelor Knights, the which denominations the Chancellor of the same Order shall write; that is, to wit, the Arch Bishop of Dublin, for the time being, or in his absence the Register; that is, to wit, the Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, in Dublin, for the time being, or the most ancient resident of the said Company

Company in their absence, and the de. nominations fo done by all or fix of the least by him that hath written, shall be shewed to the said Sovereign or his Deputy, that then shall choose of them that be named he that shall have the most voices, and also he that the Sovereign shall esteem to be the most honorable to the faid Order, and most profitable to his Crown and to his Realm; and if there be any Knights of the faid Order that shall fail to come to the faid election, if he be not prevented by a just cause, and that the said cause of his excuse. shewed under his seal of arms, be found by the Sovereign or his Deputy to be just and reasonable, and his excuse to be acceptable and allowed, and that if his cause be not just, and that he come not to the ceremonies above-named, it is ordained that he shall be reprimanded at the next chapter for the first offence, and for the second offence he shall lose the rank which he hath in the faid Order, and be placed below all other the Knights and Companions of the faid Order, and for the third offence

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he shall be punished in such manner as to the said chapter shall seem meet.

NINTHLY, It is ordained, that if any Knight of the faid Company should depart, another is chosen and elect, he shall have soon after his election the ribband in fignification that he is one of the Knights and Fellows of the Order of Saint Patrick, and his robe and hood shall be delivered him in the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, in Dublin, where the Public Stallation of the faid Knights shall be always held immediately after his commission has been read before the Sovereign or his Deputy and the Company, and after that, shall be led by two Knights of the faid Order, accompanied with the other Noblemen. and Officers of the Order shall also be present, and his Mantle shall be borne before him by one of the Knights of the faid Order, or by the King at Arms of the Order, the which Mantle shall be delivered to him for his Habit, after that he shall have made his oath before · his Stall and not before, and this done

he shall return into the Chapter House, where he shall receive by the Sovereign or his Deputy the Collar, and so he shall have the full possession of his Habit wholly, except great Princes, strangers, the which may receive their Habits wholly within the Chapter House, and if he die before he have received the Habit he shall not be named one of the Founders, feeing he has not had full possession of his estate; but he shall have the one part of the Divine Service above-named for the delivery of the ribband, and none other things above it: And if he so chosen come not in all good diligence after the reception of the ribband in the faid place for to be stalled, and especially within the year of his election, and if he le a Knight dwelling within the realm, and hath no reafonable excuse, then the election shall be void of him, and another new election shall be made, and neither the banner, the fword, nor the helmet, nor the crest of him so chosen, shall be put upon his stall before his coming, to the end

end that if be come not, his faid hatchments be not taken down, or availed, but honefily put out of the chair, and the creft and other things shall abide to the profit and use of the said Order.

TENTILY, It is ordained that who foever shall be chosen to this degree of honor, shall be installed in the lowest stall according to his election, except Kings and Princes of a foreign nation.

ELEVENTHLY, It is ordained if there be any stall or place void, the Sovereign at his pleasure may advance and translate by his special license any Knights of the faid Company in the faid stall, if so be that it be higher than the stall that he was in before. Also the Sovereign may once in his life, if it please him, make a general translation of all the stalls at his pleafure, except Emperors, Kings, and Princes, they which shall always keep their places and stalls unless that they be translated into a higher stall, in the which translation the long continuance in the Order, and the praise-worthiness and merits of the Knights ought to be confidered

fidered and remembered, the which Knights from henceforth in going and fitting at all times, that they shall wear their Mantles, shall keep their places after the order of their stalls, and not after their estates as is storesaid.

TWELFTHLY, It is ordained that every Knight within the year of his stallation, shall cause to be made an escutcheon of his arms and hatchments in a plate of metal, such as shall please him, and that it be surely set upon the back of his shall, and the other that shall come after shall have their escutcheons and hatchments in like manner: but their plates of metal nor their hatchments shall not be so large nor so great as those of the first Founders were.

THIRTEENTHLY, It is ordained that no Knight chosen and elected to be Fellow of the faid Illustrious Order, shall be stalled by procurement or Deputy except he be a stranger, and may not well come hither in his proper person to be stalled, or other that is busied without the realm for the affairs of his Sovereign,

or by his commandment and license as is above directed.

FOURTEENTHLY, It is ordained, that every Knight entering the faid Order shall promise and swear faithfully the oath, that is to fay, "I Sir A. B. pro-" mise and swear to my true power " during my life, and during the time " that I shall be Fellow of the Most " Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to " keep, defend and fustain the honors, if rights, and privileges of the Sove-" reign of the faid Order, and well and " truly I will accomplish all the statutes, " points and ordinances of the faid " Order, as though they were read to " me from point to point and from ar-"ticle to article, and that wittingly " and willingly I will not break any " statutes of the said Order, or any " article in them contained, except in " fuch as I shall have received a dispen-" fation from the Sovereign-So held " me God and the contents of this " book." This done the faid Knight shall with due reverence and kneeling receive

receive the Badge, the which the Sovereign shall put over his right shoulder, saying these words: "Sir, the loving "Company of the Order of Saint Patrick hath received you their Brother, Lover and Fellow, and in token and knowledge of this, they give you and present you this present Badge, the which God will that you receive and wear from henceforth to his praise and pleasure, and to the exaltation and honor of the said Illustrious "Order and yourself."

FIFTEENTHLY, And it is further ordained, that the following admonitions shall be read by the Chancellor or Register of the said Order, to every Knight at his first admission to the said Illustrious Order, that is to say,

Upon putting on the Collar,

"Sir, the Loving Company of the Order of Saint Patrick hath received you their Brother, Lover and Fellow, and in token and knowledge of this they give you and present you this D "present

" present Badge, the which God will that you receive and wear from henceforth to his praise and pleasure, and to the exaltation and honor of the said Illustrious Order and your-

" felf."

Upon putting on the Sword,

"Take this Sword to the increase of your honor, and in token and sign of the Most Illustrious Order which you have received, wherewith you being defended may be bold strongly to sight in the defence of those rights and ordinances to which you be engaged, and to the just and necessary defence of those that be oppressed and needy."

Upon putting on the Mantle,

"Receive this Robe and Livery of this most Illustrious Order in augmentation of thine honor, and wear it with the firm and steady resolution that by your character, conduct and demeanor

"demeanor you may approve yourself
"a true servant of Almighty God,
"and a worthy Brother and Knight
"Companion of this Most Illustrious
"Order."

SIXTEENHLY, It is ordained that every Knight, as foon as he shall be summoned to his stallation, shall appoint three fober, discreet and sufficient Esquires of the Body, who shall be Genlemen of Blood and without reproach; and as touching the declaration of Gentlemen of Blood, it is declared, that they shall be descended of three descents of Noblesse; that is to say, of name and of arms, both of the father's fide and of the mother's fide. a certificate of which, figned by our principal King at Arms within our faid realm, shall be delivered by each Knight fourteen days before his stallation, and shall be deposited with our genealogist of our faid Most Illustrious Order, which Esquires shall be duly ministring to the faid Knights during the time of his stallation, and at all and every other time when

when they shall be duly summoned to do their service to the said Knight, and shall be habited according to the ordinance of the Sovereign in such habit as shall besit their situation as Esquires of the Body to the Knights of our said Most Illustrious Order.

SEVENTEENTHLY, It is ordained that there shall be six Officers appertaining unto the said Order, that is to say, Chancellor, Secretary, Register, Genealogist, Usher at Arms, named the Black Rod, and King at Arms, named Ulster, the which shall be received and sworn to be of the Council of the said Order, and shall have such charges and privileges as are expressly declared in the ordinances of the Sovereign, and shall wear for a cognizance about their necks such badge as shall be assigned to them by the Sovereign.

EIGHTEENTHLY, It is ordained that a common feal of the arms of the Order be made, the which shall rest in the custody and keeping of the Chancellor of the Order, and if he should depart

or go forth twenty miles far from the Sovereign, he shall then deliver the seals to the Register, Secretary, or Genealogist, or to any other person that it shall please the Sovereign to ordain or appoint.

ORDINANCES

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ORDINANCES touching the Badges, Devices, and Habits of our Knights Companions of our Most Illustrious Order of St. PATRICK; the Habits of their Esquires, and the Badges and Habits of the Officers of our said Order.

FIRST, We do ordain that our Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of our Realm of Ireland shall wear at all Chapters and Installations at which we ourselves cannot be present, the same Habits and Robes which we ourselves should wear, and which are to be of the fame materials and fathion as those of our Knights, fave only those alterations which befit our dignity; and he shall wear our Collar on all folemn Feafts as hereinafter described, and at all other times he shall wear pendant at his neck, from a sky-blue ribband, the badge of our faid Order, furmounted by a harp crowned with an Imperial Crown.

And

And as touching the Habits of the Knights Companions of our Most Illustrious Order, the Mantles shall be of sky-blue sattin, lined with a white silk, having on the left shoulder a hood of blue sattin lined also with white silk, and the said Mantle shall be tied with two strings of blue silk mixed with gold; their shoes shall be of white leather with knots of crimson ribband; the belt of their sword shall be of crimson sattin, and they shall have a handle gilt, and a scabbard of crimson velvet.

And our faid Knights Companions shall each of them wear a round hat covered with white fattin and lined with blue, the front of which shall be turned back, and the same device, encircled with rays affixed thereto, as we shall direct to be worn on the left side of their outer garment; and the said hat shall be surmounted with three salls of Ostrich feathers, which shall be red, blue, and white, and round the hat shall be a band of crimson sattin embroidered after the sashion of the great Collar of the Order,

Order, which we shall hereafter defcribe.

The Collar of our faid Most Illustrious Order shall be of gold, and it shall be composed of roses and of harps alternate, tied together with a knot of gold, and the faid roses shall be enamelled alternately white leaves within red, and red leaves within white, and in the center of the faid Collar shall be an Imperial Crown furmounting a harp of gold, from which shall hang the badge of our faid Order; and the faid badge shall be of gold, furmounted with a wreath of shamrock or trefoil, within which shall be a circle of gold containing the motto of our faid Order in letters of gold, viz. QUIS SEPARABIT? together with the date 1783, being the year in which our faid Order was founded, and encircling the Cross of Saint Patrick, gules, furmounted with a trefoil vert, each of its leaves charged with an Imperial Crown, Or, upon a Field, argent; and this badge, we ordain shall be worn pendant from a sky-blue ribband over

over the right shoulder at all times, when our said Knights shall not wear the Collar of the Order; and we further ordain, that our said Knights Companions shall wear the said badge, encircled within rays in form of a star of silver consisting of eight points, that is to say, four greater and sour lesser on the lest side of their outer garment.

And we further ordain that our faid Knights shall, in all armorial bearings, use the said Collar encircling their coats armorial.

And we ordain that the Chancellor of our faid Most Illustrious Order shall wear the same Mantle as our said Knights, and shall wear a badge of gold pendant at his neck from a sky-blue ribband, which shall be of a square form, representing a purse, and charged with the same cross, gules, surmounted as before on a Field argent, and encircled with a wreath of shamrocks.

And the Register of our said Order shall wear the same Mantle as before deficibed, but it shall be shorter, and he hall

shall wear a badge of gold pendant at his neck from a sky-blue ribband in the shape of a book, charged with the same device as that of our Chancellor of our said Most Illustrious Order.

And our Secretary and Genealogist shall each of them wear a Mantle of the same length as that of our Register, with a surcoat of white silk, and shall wear, pendant at their necks from a sky-blue ribband, the same badge as that of our Knights, excepting only the circlet of gold with the motto.

And the Usher of our said Order shall wear a crimson sattin Mantle, but shorter, and Habit the same as our said Secretary and Genealogist; and shall wear a badge pendant at his neck by a sky-blue rib band, which badge shall bear the harp of gold upon a Field azure, encircled with the motto as before.

And the King at Arms of our faid Order shall wear the same habit and Mantle as our Usher, and a badge pendant at his neck by a sky-blue ribband containing the cross, gules of our said Order. Order, upon a Field argent, impailed with the arms of our faid Realm of Ireland, and both encircled with the motto above-mentioned.

And that these several devices may more plainly appear, we have directed them to be properly depicted and emblazoned in their proper colours.

And lastly we will and direct that the Mantles, Habits, and Vestments above-ordained, shall be of those manufactures known by the description of sattins and silks wrought within our Realm of Ireland.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the 28th day of February, 1783, in the 23d year of our reign.

G. R.

GEORGE R.

ORDINANCE touching the fees to be demanded and taken of our Knights Companions of the Most Illustrious Order of Sr. PATRICK, which we will to be taken at the times and in the manner following from each of our said Knights Companions:

The Fees of Honor upon Knighthood to be paid to fuch persons as usually receive the same according to the custom observed within our realm of Ireland.

To our Secretary of our faid Order. 25 To our Genealogist of our faid Order. 25 To our Usher of our said Order. 20 To our King at Arms of ditto. 15 To our two Heralds, each 10l. 20 To our four Pursuivants, each 51. 20

And

And the faid fees shall be again demanded and paid by the faid Knights at the time of their installation, and an allowance shall then be made to our Officers at Arms who shall prepare the Banner, Sword and Helmet of each Knight, which shall be affixed over their respective stalls.

G. R.

Dublin

Dublin Castle, 11th March, 1783.

This day having been appointed by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the investiture of the Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, the noblemen named in his Majesty's letter to be Knights Companions of the Order were summoned to attend, in order to be invested with the ensigns of that dignity previous to their installation, and having affembled in the Presence Chamber, a procession was made from thence to the Great Ball Room, viz.

Pursuivants, and
Officers attending the State,
Peers named in the King's Letter, viz.
Earls.

Ecctive and Charlemont,
Courtown and Mornington,
Clanbraffil and Shannon,
Tyrone and Drogheda,
Inchiquin and Westmeath,
Earl of Clanricarde and the Duke of
Leinster.

Officers

Officers of his Excellency's Household, viz.

Pages,

Gentlemen at Large,
Gentlemen of the Chamber,
Master of the Ceremonies,
Gentleman of the Horse,

Comptroller and Steward of the House-hold,

Officers of the Order, viz.
Pursuivants,
Heralds,

Register and Usher, Secretary and Genealogist, Chancellor,

Ulster King at Arms, bearing his Majesty's Commission and the Badge and Ribband of the Grand Master upon a Blue Velvet Cushion,

Lord Viscount Carhampton bearing the Sword of State.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with ten Aides de camp, five on each fide,

· Gold

Gold Stick, Yeoman of the Guard.

On their arrival in the Great Ball Room the different persons who composed the procession proceeded to the places assigned them, and his Excellency being covered and feated in the chair of state, the King at Arms presented to him his Majesty's lettter, which his Excellency delivered to the Right Honorable John Hely Hutchinson, Secretary of States who read the same aloud. during which time his Excellency and the Affembly remained standing and uncovered. His Excellency being again feated. Ulster presented to him the blue ribband and badge of Grand Master. with which his Excellency invefted himfelf.

His Excellency then fignified his Majesty's pleasure, that the Great Ball Room should be stiled the Hall of St. Patrick, which was done by proclamation made by the King at Arms at the sound of trumpets, trumpets, and with the usual formalities; after which,

His Excellency directed the King at Arms and Usher of the Black Rod to introduce his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, to whom the Secretary of State administered the oath, as Chancellor of the Order, and his Grace, kneeling, was invested by the Grand Master with the proper badge, and received from his Excellency's hands the purse containing the seals.

The Dean of Saint Patrick was then introduced, to whom the oath of Register of the Order was administered by the Chancellor, and he was invested in like manner by his Excellency, who delivered to him the Statutes and the Register of the Order.

Lord Delvin was next introduced, and having taken the oath, was invested as Secretary.

And in like manner Charles Henry Coole, Esq. as Genealogist.

John Freemantle, Esq. as Usher, and
William Hawkins, Esq. as King at

F Arms

Arms of the hid Order, the oaths being first administered to them by the Chancellor, were severally invested by the Grand Master.

His Excellency then fignified his Mas jesty's pleasure, that in consideration of the tender age of Prince Edward, his Royal Highness should be invested in England, and that his Majesty's dispenfation for that purpose should be entered upon the register of the Order: And in consequence of his Majesty's direction, the Lord Baron Muskerry was Knighted and declared proxy to his Royal Highness Prince Edward. His Excellency then directed that his Grace the Duke of Leinster should be called in: and as by the statutes of the Order none but a Knight can be elected or invested, his Grace, being introduced by the Usher and King at Arms, was knighted by his Excellency with the Sword of State, and immediately delivered to the Genealogia the proofs required by the statutes; whereupon the oaths were administered by the Chancellor, and his Grace kneel-

ing was invested by the Grand Master with the ribband and badge. His Grace then joined the procession to introduce the Earl of Clanzicarde, who being fworn was invested in like manner, and both Knights joined the procession to bring in the Earl of Westmeath, after which the two junior Knights performed this duty, and the senior Knight took his seat as Companion of the Order. The Earls of Inchiquin, Drogheda, Tyrone, Shannon, Clanbraffil, Mornington, Courtown, Charlemont, and Bective, being severally introduced by the two junior Knights, were each of them fworn by the Chancellor, and invested by the Grand Master, and took their feats as Knights Companions.

The ceremony of investiture being ended, his Majesty's pleasure was declared and registered for appointing his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Armagh, Primate and Metropolitan of all Ireland, to be the Prelate of the said Most Illus-

trious Order.

A procession

A procession was then made from St. Patrick's Hall to the Presence Chamber, where the Lord Lieutenant received the compliments of the Knights of the Order, and of a numerous assembly of nobility and gentry, who testified their satisfaction in this distinguished mark of the royal favor to this kingdom.

By the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick.

NUGENT TEMPLE.

Whereas his Majesty hath been pleased to fignify his royal pleasure for the investiture in England of his Royal Highness Prince Edward, as one of the Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, and for his Royal Highness's installation by proxy in the Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick. Dublin; we; George Grenville Nugent Temple, Earl Temple, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ire, land, and Grand Master of the Order of St. Patrick, by virtue of the powers vested in us by the statutes and ordinances of the faid Order, do hereby in pursuance of his Majesty's pleasure as aforefaid, dispense with the investiture of his Royal Highness Prince Edward in this kingdom, and do direct that the investiture

investiture of his Royal Highness by his Majety shall be entered in the register of the said Most Illustrious Order.

> By command of his Excellency the Grand Master, R. Dublin, Chanceller

Entered in the Register of the faid Most Illustrious Order, this 11th day of March, 1783.

Register.

Secretary.

By the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick.

NUGENT TEMPLE.

Whereas by the second article of the statutes and ordinances of the Most IIlustrious Order of St. Patrick, under His Majesty's sign Manual, dated at His Majesty's Court at St. James's, the 28th day of February, 1783, in the 23d year of His Reign, it is ordained that whenever the Sovereign cannot, by reason of his absence without the realm of Ireland. hold the Chapters, or do, or perform fuch things as by the statutes shall appertain to him to do touching the faid Most Illustrious Order, his Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of this his realm, or his Lord Deputy, or Lords Iustices for the time being, shall be and are thereby declared Grand Masters of the faid Most Illustrious Order, and shall do الد

all things, and enjoy all privileges; rights, and prerogatives, and do all manner of things touching the faid Most Illustrious Order in as ample manner as his Majesty could have done as Sovereign of the faid Most Illustrious Order if his Majesty had been present within the faid realm: And whereas we. George Grenville Nugent Temple, Earl Temple, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of this his Majesty's kingdom of Ireland, and in his absence Grand Master of the said Most Illustrious Order, have received the fignification of his Majesty's pleasure that a Prelate be appointed to the faid Order, and that his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Armagh, Primate and Metropolitan of all Ireland for the time being, shall be the Prelate of the faid Most Illustrious Order.

We therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in us by the ordinance aforesaid, at this first Chapter of the said Most Illustrious Order, now holden this 11th day of March, 1783, do declare, appoint,

and

and direct that the Lord Archbishop of Armagh, Primate and Metropolitan of all Ireland, be the Prelate of the said Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick; and that he shall be received and sworn to be of the Council of the said Order, and shall have such charges and privileges as are expressly declared in the ordinances herein after mentioned, and shall wear as a cognizance about his neck, such badge as shall be herein after assigned to him.

And as touching the duty of the faid Prelate, it is hereby ordained that the oath prescribed by the 14th article of the faid statutes to be taken by every Knight entering the faid Order, shall be administered to such Knight by the Prelate, or in his absence by the Chancellor of the said Most IllustriousOrder, or in the absence of the Chancellor by the Register of the faid Order. Also that when each Knight shall have received the badge, the which the Sovereign shall have put over his right shoulder, the Prelate shall at the command of the Sovereign pronounce the admonition directed by the faid 14th Article,

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Article, to be delivered to the Knight at fuch time.

And touching the habit and badge of the Prelate of the faid Most Illustrious Order, we do hereby ordain that he shall wear the same Mantle in colour, form, and substance, as is appointed to be worn by the Knights of the said Order, and shall wear a badge of gold, pendant at his neck from a shy-blue ribband, which shall be the like badge as is appointed to be worn by the said Knights, surmounted with an Archiepiscopal Mitre.

> By command of his Excellency the Grand Mafter, R. Dublin, Chancellor.

Duly entered in the Books and Register of the said Order, this 11th day of March, 1783.

Register.

Secretary.

By the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Order of St. PATRICK.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas his Majesty hath signified his Royal Pleasure, that the Great Ball Room in his Majesty's Castle in which the ceremony of the investiture of the Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick shall be performed, shall receive from thence forward the honorable denomination of the Hall of Saint Patrick, and shall always be distinguished by that name, and that in the said Hall the Chapters of the said Most Illustrious Order shall at all times be held, except when it is otherwise ordered by the Sovereign.

We do therefore hereby direct and proclaim that this Hall be hereafter called the

the Hall of Saint Patrick. Whereof our Officers of State, and all other persons whatsoever are to take notice.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Warrant

Warrant for creating the Earl of Arran a Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint PATRICK.

GEORGE R.

Right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, we greet you well: Whereas we did by warrant under our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the fifth day of February last, authorize and require you, upon the receipt thereof, to cause letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of our kingdom of Ireland, for creating a Society or Brotherhood to be called Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to confift of the Sovereign and fifteen Knights Companions therein mentioned, and among others our right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin Randal William. Earl of Antrim; and the faid Earl of Antrim being desirous to relinquish the acceptance of the stall intended for him because he cannot be allowed to retain the Military Order of the Bath with which he has already been invested, our will and pleasure is, that you forthwith caufe

cause letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of our faid kingdom of Ireland for creating our right trufty and well-beloved Cousin, Arthur, Earl of Arran, one of the original Knights of the faid Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; and you will cause to be inserted in our faid letters patent a clause revoking fo much of our aforesaid letters patent whereby we appoint our faid right trufty and right well-beloved Cousin, Randal William, Earl of Antrim, to be one of the Knights of the faid Most Illustrious Order, and for so doing this shall be as well unto you, as unto all other our officers and ministers herein concerned, a fufficient warrant. And fo we bid you heartily farewell.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the 7th day of March, 1783, in the 23d year of our reign. By his Majesty's command, SIDNEY.

Entered at the Signet Office, this 8th day of March, 1783.

CHARLES BRIETZCKE.

To our right trufty and right well-beloved Coufin and Coun-

cillor.

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cillor, George, Earl Temple, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our kingdom of Ireland, or to our Lieutenant Deputy, Justices, or other Chief Governor or Governors of our faid kingdom for the time being.

Dublin

Dublin Castle, 17th March, 1783.

This day having been appointed by the Lord Lieutenant for the installation of the Knights of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, his Excellency, preceded by the Officers of his Household and the Esquires of the Sovereign, in his Excellency's coaches, and attended by a fquadron of cavalry, fet forward from the Castle before eleven o'clock. followed by the Knights Companions each in his coach attended by his Efquires, his Excellency only being in the full Mantle, Habit and Collar of the Order, the Knights in the fircoat only. with their caps in their hands, and the Esquires in their full dress.

His Excellency was received at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick by the Members of the Chapter, and by the Officers of the Church and of the Order, who all attended him to the Chapter Room.

A procession was soon after made from thence to the Choir in the following order, viz.

Vergers.

Vergers. Choiristers.

Prebends.

Messengers.

Kettle Drums.

Trumpets.

Pursuivants.

Pages.

Gentlemen at large.

Gentlemen of the Bed Chamber.

Gentleman of Horse, Chamberlain, and Gentleman Usher.

Steward and Comptroller.

Esquires, Three and Three.

Knights, Two and Two.

Lord Mulkerry, as Proxy for his Royal Highness Prince Edward.

Ulster, King at Arms, Usher of the Black

Rod, and Genealogist.

Secretary and Register.

Lord Archbishop of Dublin,

Chancellor.

Note, the Lord Primate of Ireland, Prelate of the Order, was absent on account of his health.

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Lord

Lord Carhampton carrying the Sword of State.

Lord Lieutenant as Grand Master, with his Aides de Camp on each fide, his train supported by three Peers' sons. Colonel of the Battle Axe Guards. Battle Axe Guards.

Upon entering the Choir, the feveral Officers attending the procession proceeded to the places assigned to them. The Esquires, making their reverences to the altar, when they came opposite to the stall of their Knight took their refpective places. The Knights, after the like reverences, proceeded to their stalls, where they remained standing till his Excellency was feated, when they all bowed together and feated themselves. A grand band of musicians, vocal and instrumental, then performed Handel's Coronation Anthem; after which the Usher, King at Arms, Heralds and Pursuivants, attended with Lord Robert Fitzgerald, Lord Sudley, and Lord

Lord Jocelyn, the Sovereign's Esquires, brought in the Sovereign's banner, which was by the senior Esquire carried to the steps of the altar, and being delivered to Ulster, was by him presented to the register and placed within the rails of the altar. The Officers of the Order with the Honorable Mr. Gore, the Honorable Mr. Jocelyn, and the Honorable Mr. Jones, Esquires to his Royal Highness Prince Edward, then went, with the usual reverences, for the insignia of the Order, with which they returned in following manner, viz.

The principal Esquire bearing his Royal Highness's Banner furled.

The two other Esquires bearing the Mantle and Sword.

Ulster carrying the Great Collar of the Order upon a blue velvet cushion.

As foon as they proceeded to the center of the Choir, they remained there while the four Great Officers of the Order proceeded to his Royal Highness's stall, and after the usual reverences to the Sovereign's stall, Lord Muskerry, Proxy

to his Royal Highness, descended into the middle of the Choir, where the Sword, the Mantle, and the Collar, were delivered to his Lordship by the Chancellor and Register, the Chancellor reading the admonitions prescribed. His Lordship was not involted, but hore the Insignia upon his arm.

They then conducted his Lordhip to the Prince's stall with the usual reverences to the Sovereign; and his Lordship being seated, but not with the cap upon his head, the Esquire immediately unfurled the banner, and then his Lordship and the Knights standing up uncovered, Ulster proclaimed his Royal Highness's stile in English, and a procession was made to the altar of the Register, and officers at Arms, attended by the Esquires with the banner, which was delivered to Ulfter, who prefented it to the Register to be placed by him within the offering, which was delivered to the Dean, and by him placed upon the altar; after which, with the usual reverdnces.

erences, the Esquires proceeded to their places.

The Officers at Arms, with the Efquires to his Grace the Duke of Leinster, proceeded in like manner to bring in the Infignia, and his Grace having descended into the Choir, was invested with the Sword, the Mantle, and the Collar, by the Chancellor and Register, the admonitions being read by the Chancellor; the Duke of Leinster was then conducted to his stall, and standing up with his cap upon his head, his banner was unfurled, Ulster proclaimed his stile, and his Grace bowing to the Grand Mafter, by whom he was at the same time faluted, took his feat. The banner and offering were afterwards presented at the altar with the ceremonies before described.

His Grace then affifted in presenting the Earl of Clanricarde, who was invested by him and installed with the fame ceremonies.

The Earl of Westmeath was next presented by the Duke of Leinster and the

the Earl of Clanricarde, and in like manner invested by them and installed.

The Earls of Inchiquin, Drogheda, Tyrone, Shannon, Clanbrassil, Mornington, Arran, Courtown, Charlemont, and Bective, were respectively invested and installed with the like ceremonies, each being presented and invested by the two juniors of the installed Knights.

When the ceremonies of installation were finished, the band performed Handel's Dettingen Te Deum, after which a procession was made in the former order to the Chapter Room, the Knights, Esquires and Officers of the Order wearing their caps, and the procession returned from the Chapter Room to the Castle.

A sumptuous banquet being prepared in Saint Patrick's Hall, the Grand Master, with the Knights and their Esquires, the Officers of State, the Officers of the Order, and the Officers of his Excellency's Household, in procession as before, went from the Presence Chamber to Saint Patrick's Hall, where the Grand Master

Master and Knights took their seats at table covered, viz. The Grand Master in a chair of estate in the center, the Prince's Proxy in a chair covered with crimson velvet on his lest hand, the Prelate's chair being placed at the end of the Sovereign's table on the right, the Chancellor seated at the other end on the lest, and the Knights on each side. The Esquires remained standing till after grace was said by the Chancellor, when they retired to the seats prepared for them.

Towards the end of the first course his Excellency stood up uncovered, the Knights also rose uncovered, and the Knights also rose uncovered, and the King at Arms proclaimed by sound of trumpet, that the Grand Master and Knights Companions of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick did drink the Sovereign's health. The second course was then brought in by the Yeoman of the Guard with the usual ceremonies, after which his Excellency stood up covered, and the Knights again standing up uncovered, Ulster proclaimed that

that the Grand Master, in the name of the Sovereign, did drink the healths of the Knights Companions; and at the end of the second course, all rising againuncovered, drank the Queen's Health, which was proclaimed in the same manner. The desert being brought in, the Officers at Arms, with the usual reverences, cried, LARGESS thrice, and proclaimed the stile of the Sovereign, and afterwards of each Knight Companion, who successively stood up during the said proclamation, and sat down again after bowing to the Sovereign.

KNICHTS

KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.

This Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick was established by King George the Third, in 1783, to distinguish the virtue, loyalty, and fidelity of his subjects of Ireland.

They wear a Collar of gold, composed of roses and harps alternate, tied with a knot of gold; the roses enamelled alternately with white leaves within red, and red leaves within white, and in the center of the Collar an Imperial Crown, surmounting a harp of gold, from which hangs a badge of gold surmounted with a wreath of shamrock or tresoil within, and a circle of gold containing this motto, QUIS SEPARABIT; which badge, with a sky-blue ribband, is daily worn by the Knights of this Order.

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HIS MAJESTY SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER.

Fifteen Companions. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant Grand Master for the time being. His Royal Highness Prince Edward. William Robert, Duke of Leinster. Henry, Earl of Clanricarde. Thomas, Earl of Westmeath. Murrough, Earl of Inchiquin. Charles, Earl of Drogheda. George de la Poer, Earl of Tyrone. Richard, Earl of Shannon. Iames, Earl of Clanbraffil. Richard, Earl of Mornington. Arthur Saunders, Earl of Arran. James, Earl of Courtown. James. Earl of Charlemont. Thomas, Earl of Bective. John Joshua, Baron of Carysfort.

OFFICERS

OFFICERS BELONGING TO THE ORDER.

Prelate,
The Lord Primate.

Chancellor,
The Archbishop of Dublin.

Register, Dean of St. Patrick's.

Secretary,

Genealogist,

Uther,

Ulfer King at Arms,

Two Heralds.

Four Pursuivants,

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NOTIFICATION.

The manner in which summonses are to be issued for calling a Chapter.

Upon a notification of the Grand Master to the Prelate, that a Chapter should be summoned for the election or an investiture of a Knight of Saint Patrick, or for any other purpose,

The Prelate shall apply to the Register for a proper form, adopted to the occasion, and shall sign it as a notification of the pleasure of the Grand Master, that a Chapter shall be summoned at the time, and in the manner directed.

The Register shall carry a sufficient number of copies of such orders, signed by the Prelate, to be sealed by the Chancellor. The Register shall deliver such orders to the King at Arms, who shall send them by the Messenger of the Order, to be delivered to each Knight and the several Officers of the Order.

FORM

FORM OF SUMMONSES FOR A CHAPTER.

I am directed by

Grand

Master of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to summon your Lordship to attend a Chapter of that Order, to be holden in St. Patrick's Hall, on

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precifely, in the Collar and Mantle of the Order only.

R. ARMAGH, Prelate.

(Seal) R. DUBLIN, Chancellor.

OATH

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OATH OF A KNIGHT.

" I Sir A. B. promife and swear, " to my true power during my life, " and during the time that I shall be " Reliew of the Most Illustrious Or-" der of Saint Patrick, to keep, de-" fend and fuftain the honors, nights, es and privileges of the Sovereign of " the faid Order, and well and truly " I will accomplish all the statutes, apoints and ordinances of the faid "Order, as though they were read to " me from point to point and from er-" ticle to article, and that wittingly " and willingly I will not break any " flavores of the faid Order, or any " article in them contained, except in " fuch as I shall have received a dispena fation from the Sovereign.—So help " me God and the contents of this " book."

CATH

OATH OF THE PRELATE.

"I promise and swear, to my true power during my life, and during the time that I shall be Prelate of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, to be of council to, and keep, and accomplish all the statutes, points, and ordinances of the said Order, so far as they regard the Office of President as I shall have received a dispensation from the Sovereign.—
"So help me God and the contents of this book."

OATH

OATH of OFFICE to be taken by the REGISTER, SECRETARY, GENEALOGIST.

- "I promise and swear to my true
 power during my life, and during the
 time that I shall be
 - " Register,
 - " Secretary,
 - " Genealogist,
- " of the Most Illustrious Order of St.
- " Patrick, to be of council, and to keep
- " all the fecrets of the faid Order, and
- es that all things which appertain to the
- " faid Office.
- " Register,
- " Secretary,
- " Genealogist,
- " I will duly observe and obey all things
- " which I shall receive in command from
- " the Sovereign .- So help me God and
- " the contents of this book."

OATH

OATH of OFFICE to be taken by the USHER and KING at ARMS.

"I promise and swear, to my true power during my life, and during the

" time that I shall be

" Usher,

" King at Arms,

" of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint

"Patrick, diligently and duly to ob.

" ferve and execute all things which

" shall be commanded by the Sovereign,

" and which it is my duty to perform

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" Usher,

" King at Arms,

" of the faid Most Illustrious Order .--

" So help me God and the contents of

" this book."

COLLAR DAYS

FOR THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS

ORDER of St. PATRICK.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

New Year's Day.

Twelfth Day.

St. George's Day.

Eafter and Whit Sundays.

All Saints Day, (if on a Sunday.)

St. Patrick's Day.

St. Andrew's Day.

THE END.

